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Hey Y'all,

Those of you who attended last week's NRT council meeting will recall that I briefed the Trustees on the status of our sturgeon liver analysis. NOAA presently has sufficient funds to analyze 7 livers at AXYS labs for organochlorines and PCBs. (AXYS is the same lab that LWG is using for analysis of these compounds.) We anticipate receiving additional funding within the next few months, at which point the remaining livers will be analyzed. I have asked Ridolfi (Megan Hilgart) to assist me in the contractual aspects of this exercise. (Basically, it's way easier for me to spend the money through Ridolfi than to set up a contract directly with AXYS. I don't have the figures in front of me, but the overhead's not bad, like maybe the cost of an additional sample.)

I have asked Megan to ensure that the liver and muscle tissue samples are archived at AXYS. In addition, I would also like to recommend that we conduct our analysis of livers using one fish liver from each of the five stations and one fish liver each from stations 1 and 2. So the list would look something like this:

LW3-ST001-01
LW3-ST001-02
LW3-ST002-01
LW3-ST002-02
LW3-ST003-01
LW3-ST004-01
LW3-ST005-01

...with the balance completed at a later date.

If any of y'all have an issue with this approach, please let me know.

Also, we still need to keep our eyes open for opportunities to conduct the muscle and blood plasma analyses.

Have a nice 4th.

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